

Creel Survey

January 12, 2016

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – No report on angling success.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 68 coho adults, 24 jacks, 13 winter run steelhead and two cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 35 coho adults, 20 jacks, four winter-run steelhead and two cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton. They also released 167 coho adults, 16 coho jacks and one winter-run steelhead adult into Lake Scanewa at Cowlitz Falls Dam with 150 of the coho adults being excess broodstock.

Three coho adults, two coho jacks and one winter-run steelhead were released into the Cispus River near the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 9,620 cubic feet per second on Monday, January 11.

Kalama River - 63 bank anglers with 7 hatchery steelhead kept and 4 hatchery steelhead released (note: under permanent rules, all hatchery steelhead must be retained). 2 boat anglers with 1 hatchery steelhead kept.

Coweeman River - 3 bank anglers released 1 wild steelhead.

East Fork Lewis River - 22 bank anglers with 1 hatchery steelhead kept and 1 wild steelhead released. 2 boat anglers with 3 wild steelhead and 1 wild chinook released.

Bonneville Pool – No effort was found for steelhead.

The Dalles and John Day pools – Boat anglers are catching some steelhead in both pools while bank anglers are catching some fish in John Day Pool.

Sturgeon

Bonneville Pool – Still slow for boat anglers with a legal kept/released per about every 10 rods. No legals were observed from the bank anglers sampled.

The Dalles Pool – Boat and bank anglers are catching some legals.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers are catching some legals. Fishing was slow from the bank.

Walleye and Bass

Bonneville Pool – No effort was observed for either specie.

The Dalles and John Day pools – Light effort for walleye; no catch was found in the sample. No effort was observed for bass in either pool.

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| Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3-Jan | 10-Jan | 17-Jan | 24-Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Totals: | % | As of | Guidelines: ¹ |
| Bonneville ² | 11 | | | | | | | | | 11 | 1.0% | Jan. 3 | 1,100 |
| The Dalles | | | | | | | | | | | | | 100 |
| John Day | | | | | | | | | | | | | 500 |
| ¹ Guidelines for 2016 have not been finalized yet. Until then, 2015 guidelines are in effect. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ² Due to the short season in Bonneville Pool, we will be providing weekly harvest estimates. We will continue to provide harvest estimates for the other pools on a monthly basis. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harvest estimates are calculated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current month sampled sturgeon kept: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3-Jan | 10-Jan | 17-Jan | 24-Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | | | | |
| Bonneville | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | | 8 | | Jan. 10 | |
| The Dalles | 11 | 4 | | | | | | | | 15 | | Jan. 10 | |
| John Day | 5 | 3 | | | | | | | | 8 | | Jan. 10 | |
| Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

January 4 - 10, 2016

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.

Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

| Sturgeon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Reservoir | Bank Anglers | Subs | Leg Rel | Leg Kept | Over-size | 2016 Cum Leg Kept | Boats | Boat Anglers | Subs | Leg Rel | Leg Kept | Over-size | 2016 Cum Leg Kept | Combined Leg Kept | |
| Bonneville Pool | 41 | 5 | | | | | 18 | 49 | 162 | 1 | 4 | | 8 | 8 | |
| The Dalles Pool | 21 | 10 | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 19 | 27 | | 3 | 7 | 14 | 15 | |
| John Day Pool | 23 | 1 | | | | | 15 | 36 | 7 | | 3 | 5 | 8 | 8 | |
| Total | 85 | 16 | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 40 | 104 | 196 | 1 | 10 | 12 | 30 | 31 | |
| Salmonids | Bank Anglers | Wild Kept | Wild Rel | Hat Kept | Hat Rel | 2016 Cum Leg Kept | Boats | Boat Anglers | Wild Kept | Wild Rel | Hat Kept | Hat Rel | 2016 Cum Leg Kept | | Jacks Kept Week Cum |
| Bonneville Pool | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chinook | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coho | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steelhead | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The Dalles Pool | | | | | | | 6 | 13 | | 1 | 6 | | 7 | 7 | |
| Chinook | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coho | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 6 | | 7 | 7 | |
| Steelhead | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John Day Pool | 6 | | 1 | | | | 3 | 5 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Chinook | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coho | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steelhead | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Walleye | Bank Anglers | Rel | Leg Kept | | | 2016 Cum Leg Kept | Boats | Boat Anglers | Rel | Leg Kept | | | 2016 Cum Leg Kept | | |
| Bonneville Pool | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The Dalles Pool | | | | | | | 2 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| John Day Pool | 1 | | | | | | 3 | 7 | | | | | 5 | 5 | |
| Bass | Bank Anglers | Rel | Leg Kept | | | 2016 Cum Leg Kept | Boats | Boat Anglers | Rel | Leg Kept | | | 2016 Cum Leg Kept | | |
| Bonneville Pool | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The Dalles Pool | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John Day Pool | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

| | | Sturgeon | Salmonids | Walleye | Bass |
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| Bonneville | Effort (as a % of 2-week average) | 112% | none | none | none |
| | Catch Per Unit Effort | 1.91 | none | none | none |
| | Harvest Per Unit Effort | 0.04 | none | none | none |
| The Dalles | Effort (as a % of 2-week average) | 82% | 173% | 160% | none |
| | Catch Per Unit Effort | 1.28 | 0.54 | none | none |
| | Harvest Per Unit Effort | 0.10 | 0.46 | none | none |
| John Day | Effort (as a % of 2-week average) | 111% | 157% | 160% | none |
| | Catch Per Unit Effort | 0.27 | 0.18 | none | none |
| | Harvest Per Unit Effort | 0.05 | none | none | none |